

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

12 Linden Terrace

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Jack R. Daft

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

12 Linden Terrace

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21204

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: 5861

Folio #: 486

STREET &amp; NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The two and a half story frame house at 12 Linden Terrace was built in the first decade of the twentieth century. It does not appear on the 1898 Bromley Atlas but record of it is found on the 1915 edition. Moreover, the structure is cited on the 1911 Tax Assessment as one of the properties owned by Robert W.J. Parlett. It was transferred to a second individual by the name of "Jump" in 1913.

The house faces north on Linden Terrace. It rests on a stone foundation and is capped with a gable roof. A partially enclosed wrap around porch spans the entire north and half of the west facades. The house is unique from the others on the street in that it retains its original clapboard siding and wood shingles. Gabled dormers appear on the east and west facades. An interior chimney flue exits the roof at the rear of the east facade where the original block ends. A brick chimney flue exits the house as well, near the west attic dormer. An addition has been made to the west facade by enclosing the section of porch which originally spanned that facade. Another addition, extending approximately eight feet, was made to the rear of the house. This second addition is a flat roofed two-story addition covered with clapboard siding. The attic window on the original block is left exposed and the original roofline is visible.

One concrete and three wood steps lead to the front porch on the north facade. Stone porch piers support the porch floor which is constructed of tongue and groove boards. Thin wood columns support a heavy overhanging porch roof with box-like cornice. A ceiling of tongue and groove boards conceals the porch rafters. A plain slat railing encloses the north facade of the porch.

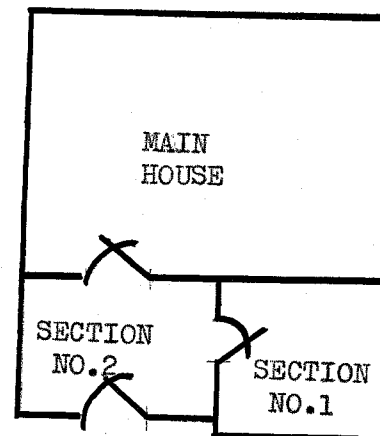
The north or main facade is four bays wide. A wood paneled replacement door is flanked by sidelights and transom. The sidelights are composed of a lower inset wood panel and an upper glass panel with elliptical motif. To the left of the door on the first floor is one 1/1 sash window with plain white trim. To the right of the door are two additional 1/1 sash windows with plain white trim. The second floor displays four similar 1/1 sash windows. On the attic floor, there is a double window encased in white trim and containing two smaller 1/1 sash windows. The entire north facade is covered with clapboards except the attic floor which displays wood shingles.

The east facade displays an irregular fenestration pattern. The first floor exhibits two narrow casement windows. The second floor contains a 3/1 sash window and a larger 1/1 sash window. Both are encased in plain white trim. A small window opening is located slightly to the left of the larger sash window. A large gable dormer appears on the attic floor. It contains a double window similar to that on the north facade, i.e., containing two smaller 1/1 sash windows in plain white trim.

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The original south facade is covered by the rear addition previously discussed. This addition appears to have been built in at least two different sections. Apparently a one-story shed roof addition was made to the south-east corner of the original main block. The sketch at the right indicates the first section as No.1. The foundation on this section is different from both the main house as well as the remaining section (No.2) of the rear addition. Moreover, a door, as indicated on the sketch, leads out of section No.1 into section No.2. This probably opened onto the outside at one time. The original cellar door for the structure is located in between the main house and section No.2. Section No.1 projects slightly (8 in.) from Section No.2 and part of the former's original shed roof is visible.



Fenestration on the south facade consists of a double casement window on the shed roof addition (Section No.1). To the left of the shed roof addition is a rear entrance to the house. Five wood steps lead to this entrance which consists of a modern screen door and an interior wood paneled door. To the left of the door are four casement windows grouped together with a four paned transom hanging above. On the second floor, there is a 6/6 sash window and a smaller 3/1 sash window. A cellar door is located to the left of the rear entrance.

The west facade shows most clearly all of the additions made to the house. It affords a view of the enclosed section of the front porch. This enclosure contains three double casement windows. Secondly, this facade shows the rear addition (Section No.2), which contains two 6/6 sash windows on the second floor. Thirdly, this facade indicates the change in use which the house has undergone. A flight of stairs rise from the ground to the attic dormer with a landing on the second floor. These stairs were added to accommodate the shift from single family residence to apartment dwelling. A second story entrance (glass paneled door) was added in the place of an original sash window. Furthermore, the window in the attic dormer was converted into a door for the attic apartment.

The only original fenestration on the west facade to survive are two 1/1 sash windows with plain white trim on the second floor and a bay window on the first floor. The bay window is comprised of three 1/1 sash windows with plain trim. A simple cornice appears above the bay window.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES post 1898, pre-1915 BUILDER/ARCHITECT \_\_\_\_\_

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

12 Linden Terrace is a significant example of a turn-of-the-century building type, the gable-ended vernacular, found throughout Central Towson. Like many of the structures on the street, it has undergone several changes to accomodate its shift from single family residence to apartments. Nevertheless, it still serves as visual documentation of an early 20th century building type, retaining on three facades its original clapboard siding.

Aside from its individual architectural merits, however, 12 Linden is significant as an integral part of the surrounding residential neighborhood. In recent years, increased commercialization has threatened Towson's residential character. Many of the private residences which once typified Towson's built environment have been either demolished or altered in such a manner as to destroy their architectural and historic significance. The houses on Willow Avenue and Linden Terrace constitute one of the few relatively unchanged residential areas left in Central Towson. 12 Linden together with the other vernacular buildings on the street provide a visual representation of Towson's earlier character.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland. G.W. Bromley & Co., Philadelphia, 1898.  
Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland. G.W. Bromley & Co., Philadelphia, 1915.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

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DATE

September, 1981

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

120 Allegheny Avenue

STATE

Towson

Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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CHAIN OF TITLE

ADDRESS: 12 Linden Terrace  
 PRESENT OWNER: Jack R. Daft

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>	<u>LIBER/FOLIO</u>
6 Mar 1978	Clifton Isennock, Jr. Carol S. Isennock	Jack R. Daft William F. Walker	5861/486
	(Lots Nos. 20 and 21 as drawn on Bowen Plat in Liber No.2, folio 139)		
29 Oct 1965	Adrian B. Christy Cora I. Christy	Clifton Isennock Carol S. Isennock	4541/121
8 Sept 1961	Stephen P. Earp Lina J. Earp	Adrian B. Christy Cora I. Christy	3892/531
6 Oct 1948	Dawson Groom, et al.	Stephen P. Earp Lina J. Earp	1697/456
28 July 1948	Sarah L. Neily	Dawson G. Groom Betty S. Groom	1179/103
18 June 1924	Medora K. Jump Sue Jump Maud H. Jump	Ernest Neily Sarah L. Neily	595/304
27 July 1924	Robert W.J. Parlett May C. Parlett Henry C. Keagy Harriet L. Keagy	Medora K. Jump Sue Jump Maude H. Jump (joint tenants)	379/566
	(Sold subject to mortgage)		
7 June 1911	Robert W.J. Parlett, et al.	Provident Savings Bank	Mortgage 322/158
	(Mortgage includes Lots 20-23)		
13 Oct 1908	Henry L. Bowen	Robert W.J. Parlett Henry C. Keagy	335/70

Atlas of Baltimore County. Maryland.  
G.W. Bromley & Co. Philadelphia, 1915.

Scale: 300 ft. per inch



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1967 Tax Map No. 70. Maryland Department  
of Assessments & Taxation, Tax Map Division.  
Baltimore, MD., 1967 (revised 1980)

SEE SUPPLEMENTAL ST

Scale: 1" to 600'

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(inaccurate representation of easternmost  
section of Willow Avenue)





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PHOTOGRAPHS: 12 Linden Terrace (Original photos in Historic Towson's Files)



ABOVE: North-east Facade

BELOW: West Facade



PHOTOGRAPHS: 12 Linden Terrace

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BELOW: South Facade

